March 6th
The 42 martyrs of Amoria in Phrygia
Stichera at Lord I have cried

Byzantine Chant Tone 4
Special melody: Thou who wast called from on high

1) O right-victorious Martyrs of the Most High,
2) Ye all were fettered and forcibly led captive,
3) With a great voice let us laud with acclamations

shining forth in latter times as never-setting stars
taken off to languish in a prison many years
Constantine, Bassoses, and most wise Theophilus,

high in the venerable firmament of the divine Church,
within a dungeon's unlighted keep, since ye were truly
Calлистus, glorious Theodore, and all the others

ye have enlightened all things under the sun
great and divine keepers of the saving Faith;
of that divine choir of trophy-bearing Saints.

with the splendor of your contests, and ye have dispersed
for which cause that madly raving beast of evil fame
For since they preferred to die for Christ, the Life of all,

the gloom of error, ye all extolled; and ye have passed on
put you to death by the heads-man's sword because ye would not
they were with joy slaughttered eagerly. Now they enjoy rest

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now to the light that doth shine eternally.
bow to his evil and impious commands.
in the divine city of the Living God;

Wherefore, with faith we celebrate the feast
Wherefore, in gladness ye have now laid hold
and they entreat for us, that we may find

of your sacred and bright-beaming martyrdom;
on the Kingdom of Heaven as worthy heirs,
the forgiveness of sins and deliverance

for we have you as gracious
as Christ's forty-two martyrs,
and eternal redemption

and most-kind protectors of our life.
who are praised in song by all the world.
in that fearful day of reckoning.